

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A head harness for supporting a night vision device, said head harness comprising:

a frame assembly; and

padding coupled to said frame assembly, said padding being configured to contact at least one of a forehead and a cheek of the face of a user of the head harness;

the frame assembly including three frame members comprising a center member and two end members; and

two hinges providing hinged interconnections between said three frame members such that the head harness may be compacted through operation of the hinged interconnections; and

the center member and the two end members providing a continuously curved surface to the frame assembly for fitting against the head of the user.

2. (Original) The head harness of claim 1 wherein said padding is coupled to said frame assembly using at least one snap fastener.

3. (Original) The head harness of claim 1 wherein said padding includes sheepskin leather provided around an interior including foam.

4. (Original) The head harness of claim 1 wherein said padding includes a plurality of pads coupled together.

5. (Original) The head harness of claim 4 wherein said pads are coupled together by a webbing material.

6. (Currently Amended) The head harness of claim 1 wherein said padding includes forehead padding and cheek padding separated by an opening positioned for receiving a portion of eyewear worn by a ~~the~~ user of the head harness.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The head harness of claim 8 ~~1~~ wherein the center member ~~a centrally positioned one of said frame members~~ includes a mounting assembly for mounting a night vision system to said frame assembly.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The head harness of claim ~~10~~1 wherein ~~said~~ a pad assembly is coupled to said center member frame assembly via at least one strap, and is configured to contact a lower rear portion of the user's head when the user wears the head harness, said pad assembly including a netting material.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~A head harness of claim 1 ~~for supporting a night vision device, said head harness comprising:~~

~~a frame assembly; and~~

a plurality of straps configured to be coupled to said frame assembly using snap fasteners, said straps being adjustable by ~~at~~the user of the head harness.

13. (Currently Amended) The head harness of claim 12 wherein said plurality of straps includes a vertical strap for extending over ~~at~~the user's head, an upper side strap configured to be coupled to the two end portions ~~members~~ of said frame assembly, and a lower side strap configured to be coupled to said two end members ~~portions~~ of said frame assembly.

14. (Currently Amended) The head harness of claim 13 wherein a first mating portion of a snap fastener of at least one of said upper and said lower side straps are configured to be coupled to one of a plurality of second mating portions of the snap fastener on said frame assembly such that a position of said at least one of said upper and said lower side straps is adjustable.

15. (Original) The head harness of claim 13 wherein said lower strap is configured to be coupled to either of said frame assembly or a chincup assembly.

16. (Currently Amended) The head harness of claim 15 wherein said chincup assembly includes a sheepskin leather covering for contacting the skin of ~~the a~~the user.

17. (Original) The head harness of claim 15 wherein said chincup assembly is symmetric about at least one of a vertical and a horizontal axis.

18. (Currently Amended) The head harness of claim 12 wherein each of said straps includes a self locking buckle mechanism for locking a position of each of said straps upon adjustment by the user.

19. (Original) The head harness of claim 12 wherein at least one of said straps includes a quick release mechanism such that the head harness is configured to be loosened for removal upon the user operating the quick release mechanism.

20. (Original) The head harness of claim 19 wherein said quick release mechanism is included on a left side of said lower side strap.

21. (Original) The head harness of claim 12 wherein at least one of said straps includes a first mating portion of a snap fastener, said frame assembly including a plurality of second mating portions of the snap fastener, said first mating portion being configured to be mated with any of said second mating portions such that a position of said at least one of said straps may be adjusted by changing the second mating portion to which the respective first mating portion is mated.

22. (Original) The head harness of claim 12 wherein at least one of said straps includes a first mating portion of a snap fastener, and said frame assembly includes a plurality of second mating portions of the snap fastener, said first mating portion of said at least one of said straps being configured to be mated with any of said second mating portions such that a position of said at least one of said straps may be adjusted by changing the second mating portion to which said first mating portion is mated, wherein said head harness optionally includes a chincup by mating said first mating portion with a second mating portion of a snap fastener included on said chincup as opposed to a second mating portion of said frame assembly.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~A The head harness of claim 1 wherein for supporting a night vision device, said head harness comprising:~~

~~a frame assembly; and~~

~~a protective pad coupled to said frame assembly and the padding is positioned to protect the a user's head from contact with thea night vision device or a night vision device mount coupled to the frame assembly upon the night vision device being pivoted from a first position in front of the user's line of sight to a second position above atthe user's head.~~

24. (Currently Amended) The head harness of claim 23 wherein said ~~protective pad padding~~ includes a solid composite material.

25. (Currently Amended) ~~A The head harness of claim 1 wherein for supporting a night vision device, said head harness comprising:~~

~~a frame assembly; and~~

~~a mounting assembly is coupled to said frame assembly for mounting a night vision device to said frame assembly,~~

~~said frame assembly being curved inward from a center portion towards two ends portions such that when a user wears the head harness, the inwardly curved end portions extend toward a face of the user.~~

26. (Currently Amended) The head harness of claim ~~125 additionally comprising wherein the padding is~~ coupled to at least one of said center ~~portion member~~ and said end ~~portions members~~ such that said padding contacts the face of the user when the user wears the head harness.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) The head harness of claim ~~251~~ wherein said frame assembly is curved downward from said center ~~portion member~~ towards said end ~~portions members~~.

29. (Canceled)

30. (New) A head harness for supporting a night vision device, said head harness comprising:

a frame assembly, and

a plurality of straps configured to be coupled to said frame assembly using snap fasteners, said straps being adjustable by a user of the head harness,

wherein said plurality of straps includes a vertical strap for extending over a user's head, an upper side strap configured to be coupled to two end portions of said frame assembly, and a lower side strap configured to be coupled to said two end portions of said frame assembly, and

a first mating portion of a snap fastener of at least one of said upper and said lower side straps are configured to be coupled to one of a plurality of second mating portions of the snap fastener on said frame assembly such that a position of said at least one of said upper and said lower side straps is adjustable.

31. (New) A head harness for supporting a night vision device, said head harness comprising:

a frame assembly, and

a plurality of straps configured to be coupled to said frame assembly using snap fasteners, said straps being adjustable by a user of the head harness,

wherein at least one of said straps includes a first mating portion of a snap fastener, said frame assembly including a plurality of second mating portions of the snap fastener, said first mating portion being configured to be mated with any of said second mating portions such that a position of said at least one of said straps may be adjusted by changing the second mating portion to which the respective first mating portion is mated.

32. (New) A head harness for supporting a night vision device, said head harness comprising:

a frame assembly, and

a plurality of straps configured to be coupled to said frame assembly using snap fasteners, said straps being adjustable by a user of the head harness,

wherein at least one of said straps includes a first mating portion of a snap fastener, and said frame assembly includes a plurality of second mating portions of the snap fastener, said first mating portion of said at least one of said straps being configured to be mated with any of said second mating portions such that a position of said at least one of said straps may be adjusted by changing the second mating portion to which said first mating portion is mated, wherein said head harness optionally includes a chincup by mating said first mating portion with a second mating portion of a snap fastener included on said chincup as opposed to a second mating portion of said frame assembly.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawing includes new Figures 6a and 6b.

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